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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: UNIFIL/IDF MEETING AND SECRETARY'S
LETTER TO BOUTROS

REF: USUN NEW YORK 3150

1. BELIEVE REFTEL CAN BE HELD TO EXDIS AND THEREBY EXPEDITE
DISTRIBUTION OF FOLLOW-UP CABLES.

2. IN MEETINGS TODAY WITH TUEINI IN WASHINGTON, TUEINI CON-
FIRMED THAT THERE WAS SOME DIFFICULTY IN BEIRUT OVER THE
LANGUAGE IN PARA. 3B OF THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO BOUTROS.
DRAPER SAID HE HOPED THAT BOUTROS WOULD NOT BE LOOKING AT
THE PHRASEOLOGY "PARTIES" TOO LEGALISTICALLY. THE WHOLE

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THRUST OF THIS PART OF THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE WAS TO PUT
THE HADDAD ISSUE ASIDE FOR THE MOMENT, WHILE AT LEAST A
COMPANY OR SO WERE SOMEHOW TRANSFERRED TO TIBNIN. THE
MESSAGE DID NOT SAY THAT LEBANON WOULD HAVE TO NEGOTIATE
WITH ISRAEL OVER HADDAD. THE LEBANESE SHOULD NOT TRY TO
READ MORE INTO IT THAN WARRANTED.

3. REPORT OF UNIFIL/IDF AUGUST 9 MEETING IN REFTEL WILL
CERTAINLY MAKE YOUR TASK OF GETTING GOL TO ACCEPT THE SECRE-
TARY'S PROPOSAL THAT MUCH HARDER. POINT TO BE MADE IS THAT

ACCEPTING ARRANGEMENTS IN SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OFFERS AT
LEAST THE HOPE THAT IMPASSE CAN BE BROKEN. EVEN A
SYMBOLIC PRESENCE IN TIBNIN COULD ASSIST PRESENT SITU-
ATION. GOL, HOWEVER, MUST MAKE A DECISION, SINCE IT MUST
RECOGNIZE THINGS WILL NOT GET BETTER WITH DELAY. VANCE

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